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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, GW, US  
SUBJECT: BRANDT'S VISIT TO US

1. AT SOCIAL OCCASION MARCH 14 I HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR  
BRIEF TALK WITH WILLY BRANDT, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED  
FROM US. HE WAS IN EBULLIENT MOOD AND OBVIOUSLY VERY  
PLEASED WITH PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR HIM AND TALKS HE HAD  
HAD IN US.

2. BRANDT SAID HIS TALK WITH PRESIDENT CARTER HAD  
GONE WELL. OBVIOUSLY RELISHING FACT THAT HE IS FIRST  
TOP FRG POLITICIAN TO HAVE SEEN PRESIDENT SINCE  
INAUGURATION, BRANDT STATED THAT PRESIDENT'S APPROACH  
TO PROBLEMS AND POLICY CONCEPTS ARE NOW MUCH CLEARER  
TO HIM THAN PREVIOUSLY. HE FOUND PRESIDENT SOFT-  
SPOKEN AND INFORMAL IN MANNER, BUT WITH A TOUGH INNER  
CORE AND A BROAD GRASP OF ISSUES.

3. BRANDT WAS ALSO WARM IN HIS PRAISE OF SECRETARY  
VANCE, SAYING THAT HE IS "THE GOOD TYPE OF LAWYER"  
AND NOTING THE EASE WITH WHICH SECRETARY HAD DISCUSSED  
SEVEN OR EIGHT COMPLICATED SUBJECTS DURING THEIR  
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MEETING.

4. BRANDT SAID HE HAD RETURNED FROM THE US REASSURED  
ABOUT US POLICIES AND PROSPECTS FOR US-FRG RELATIONS.  
WHILE PROBLEMS EXISTED, NOTABLY THE QUESTIONS RAISED  
ABOUT THE FRG-BRAZILIAN DEAL, HE BELIEVED THEY COULD  
BE HANDLED AND THAT THE US SPIRIT IN APPROACHING THEM

WAS CONSTRUCTIVE. ON THE BRAZILIAN DEAL, HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR TIME TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES AND DID NOT DEMUR WHEN I SAID A DEFERRAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF FRG LICENSES FOR SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY BLUEPRINTS WAS REQUIRED TO THIS END. BRANDT MADE NO MENTION OF CHARGES THAT HE HAD BEEN LINKED TO CIA PAYMENTS IN PAST. HE SPOKE OPTIMISTICALLY OF HIS FUTURE WORK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL NORTH-SOUTH COMMISSION, STRESSING THE LONG-RANGE NATURE OF THE TASK.

5. COMMENT: BRANDT APPEARS TO BE IN ONE OF HIS UPBEAT MOODS FOLLOWING THE US VISIT. WHILE THINGS MAY NOT GO AS EASILY AS HE ANTICIPATES, HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE COULD BE HELPFUL IN REDUCING THE CURRENT TEMPERATURES IN BONN CONCERNING US-FRG PROBLEMS. STOESEL

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